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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH CONGEN VANCOUVER'S VIEW IN PARA
TWO OF REFTEL. WE SEE NO EVIDENCE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
POLICY TO PREVENT AMERICAN STUDENTS FROM ATTENDING CANADIAN
UNIVERSITIES.

2. AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, THERE ARE CANADIAN ORGANIZATIONS,
WHO WOULD SUPPORT SUCH RESTRICTIVE POLICIES BUT IS IS THE
OPINION OF EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY VISITED CANADIAN
UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES THAT VAST MAJORITY CONTINUE TO WELCOME
AMERICAN STUDENTS. IN FACT, SINCE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IS
COMPUTED ON NUMBER OF STUDENTS, MANY UNIVERSITIES ACTIVELY
ENCOURAGE STUDENT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING AMERICANS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ATTITUDE REPORTED BY KREBS IS BY
NO MEANS TYPICAL AND THAT WE DON'T EXPECT ANY NOTICEABLE
REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF U.S. STUDENTS ATTENDING CANADIAN
UNIVERSITIES.
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